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Art Unit: 2875

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Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 and References
- ☒ U.S. Application Serial Nos. 10/173,129; 10/173,135; and 10/173,137
- ☒ International Search Report dated Aug. 7, 2002 for PCT/US02/09337,
International Search Report dated Nov. 5, 2002 for PCT/US02/19099, and
International Search Report dated July 25, 2002 for PCT/US01/48472
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B. [X] The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

1. [X] The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Title of Application</u>
10/173,129	June 17, 2002	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STERILIZING OR DISINFECTING A REGION ON A BANDAGE
10/173,135	June 17, 2002	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STERILIZING OR DISINFECTING A REGION ON A PATIENT
10/173,137	June 17, 2002	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STERILIZING OR DISINFECTING CATHETER COMPONENTS

2. [X] The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report dated August 7, 2002 from copending International Application No. PCT/US02/09337 (International Filing Date 27 March 2002), the search report dated November 5, 2002 for copending International Application No. PCT/US02/19099 (International Filing Date 17 June 2002), and the search report dated July 25, 2002 from corresponding International Application No. PCT/US01/48472 (International Filing Date 14 December 2001).

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

By submitting this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

By submitting this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

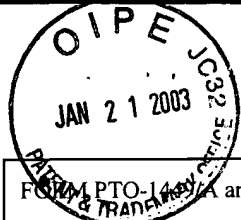
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		Number	Kind Code		
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	2	4,182,050		Righi	01-08-1980
	3	5,193,544		Jaffe	03-16-1993
	4	5,240,675		Wilk et al.	08-13-1993
	5	5,567,616		Dill, II	10-22-1996
	6	5,855,203		Matter	01-05-1999
	7	5,961,870		Hogan	10-05-1999
	8	6,096,264		Peifer	08-01-2000
	9	6,165,526		Newman	12-26-2000
	10	6,379,614	B1	Sergio et al.	04-30-2002

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	11	WO	02/076513	A1	UV-Solutions, LLC	10-03-2002	

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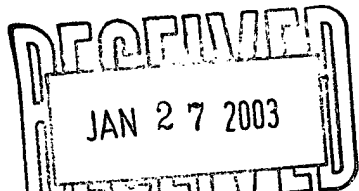
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#EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

*a copy of this reference is not provided as it was previously cited by or submitted to the office in a prior application, Serial No. __, filed __, and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120 (continuation, continuation-in-part, and divisional applications).

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SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

A. [X] The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.